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SUBJECT: ROK EMBASSY ISSUES STATEMENT RESPONDING TO JAWORSKI

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED LATE MAY 10 BY ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC STATEMENT ISSUED EARLIER TODAY BY HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

TITLE: STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

MR. LEON JAWORSKI, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE, HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WE COULD NOT MEET HIS REQUEST TO BRING FORMER AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO FOR INTERROGATION AS WELL AS FOR STATEMENTS UNDER OATH. IT IS A CLEAR MATTER OF RECORD THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS FULLY COOPERATED WITH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND KOREANS. WE HAVE DONE SO TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE OUT OF A STRONG DESIRE

TO SAFEGUARD AND STRENGTHEN THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, BRINGING A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO BE INTERROGATED AND TO MAKE STATEMENTS UNDER

OATH IS UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS WELL AS OF ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES. IT IS A STRONG BELIEF OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT TO MEET MR. JAWORSKI'S REQUEST IN THIS REGARD WOULD NOT SERVE THE INTEREST OF MY COUNTRY, OR OF THE UNITED STATES, OR OF OUR MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP. IT WOULD BE A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT IN THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. I WISH TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT AS A STRONG ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER ANY AND ALL COOPERATION WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PRACTICE AND LAW OF NATIONS.

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